

Estimates Committee 2012

Questions Taken On Notice

(12/06/2012 to 21/06/2012)

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Subject: Current number of classroom teachers

From: Mr Peter Chandler to Dr Chris Burns
Education and Training

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Question: Can you tell me the current number of classroom teachers in the Northern Territory in public schools?

Answer: Member for Brennan, over the short break for morning tea we were able to discern that comparing the figures from last year's questions to this year's figures was not an apples for apples comparison. Last year it included all DET employees, both permanent and contract employees, and that was at question 2 last year and that is where the figure 2252 teachers were derived from a total figure at the time in the agency of 4387. This year the question has changed ever so slightly and the following question around the number of teachers employed at the pay period was only inclusive of those that were funded permanent positions in the department and that was at No 4 on your questions which was a number that was approximately 370 less than the total FTE staffing of the department which was at No 2.

So it is not an apples for apples comparison to compare the

teachers that were reported as part of the whole because we do have – versus the teachers that are permanently, the positions that are permanently employed because there are always a number of teachers that are contracted, including those positions we have that come through our 170 teaching staff.

However, I did agree to get an answer back to you about the head count in terms of the folk that are in front of classes and in term 1 the number of classrooms ...

In answer to question on notice No 4.1, the number of classroom teachers, Term 1 2012 – this is head count – 2272 which is an increase of 98 or 4.5% over the previous year same time period.

Answered On:

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